

Health Care Workforce Initiative – Workforce Shortage Fund

A Report to the Governor and the General Assembly

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Introduction:

This report has been prepared in response to the 2007 legislative mandate detailed in Iowa Code 2013, Section 135.175. The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems is the state entity responsible for administering the initiative as outlined in the section noted. The section reads:

135.175 Health care workforce support initiative — workforce shortage fund — accounts — repeal.

1. *a.* A health care workforce support initiative is established to provide for the coordination and support of various efforts to address the health care workforce shortage in this state. This initiative shall include the medical residency training state matching grants program created in section 135.176, the nurse residency state matching grants program created in section 135.178, the health care professional and Iowa needs nurses now initiative created in sections 261.128 and 261.129, the safety net provider recruitment and retention initiatives program created in section 135.153A, health care workforce shortage national initiatives, and the physician assistant mental health fellowship program created in section 135.177.

Under this section it further established a health care workforce fund under control of the department and in cooperation with the listed entities in the legislation to include accounts for a medical residency training program; a health care professional and Iowa Needs Nurses Now initiative; a safety net provider network workforce shortage program; a health care workforce shortage national initiatives program; a physician assistant mental health fellowship program; an Iowa Needs Nurses Now infrastructure program; and a nurse residency state matching grants program. Implementation of these programs and accounts are conditioned upon the availability of funds.

Programs have not been established per the legislation. As in previous fiscal years, there were no new appropriations in this fiscal year. There were no federal grants received that could be designated for any of these programs. Therefore, no new action was taken.

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